

Meeting Notes: Governor's Forest Health OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Thursday, October 14th, 2004, 9:30 a.m.
Graham County General Services Building
921 Thatcher Blvd - Safford, AZ 85546

- 1) Call to order
 - a. 9:37 a.m.
- 2) Review and vote on minutes from the **9.9.04** meeting
 - a. Michael Neal moves
 - b. Beth Zimmerman seconds
 - i. Motion carried
- 3) Subcommittees
 - a. Reports
 - i. Utilization & Commerce - Marty Moore
 1. Economic meetings: Comments back by Nov. meeting and present a draft
 2. Working on discussions with CSA & League
 - ii. Zoning & Implementation - Mayor Joe Donaldson
 1. Nothing to report
 - iii. Education - Michael Neal
 1. Brochures are out and they're working on a video with Firewise success stories
 2. April Blitz – Kirk and local fire depts. For info (NAU school of forestry)
 3. State cartography is making a proposal to FEMA to fill in areas around the state that need data
 4. Kirk has distributed AZ Fire Map letter asking people for information to add.
 - a. AZ Firemap is getting an Oversight Council to monitor progress
 - b. AZ Firewise program would like to collaborate
 - c. Need to determine which communities need and have not completed a CWPP
 - d. NM has the '20 Communities' program. That could serve as a model for this state (although it doesn't follow the CWPP guidelines).
 - iv. Policy - Lori Faeth
 1. Getting ready to pick up the momentum on the new legislation...
- 4) Sitgreaves and Apache Community Wildfire Protection Plans
 - a. Community Wildfire Protection Plan Handbook developed for the National Forests/County Partnership Restoration Program
 - i. Richard Remington
 1. CWPP seems to be working and the community has kept the momentum up.
 2. At-risk communities of the Apache NF and communities plan seems to be doing well, also.
 3. Sharing lessons learned with other at-risk communities. Created a handbook so that a template of sorts can be used by others.
 4. LSD will be going to interested communities and discuss where they fall on the prioritization chart. This information will be placed on the Firewise website
 5. Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) will be brought in to create the processes that will allow the communities to come together for consistency.
 6. Various entities will participate to help maintain the accuracy of the document and update it as it becomes out dated...

- 5) Detailed discussion of legislative recommendations
 - a. CSA may endorse the lot split issue. They are working on deciding within. Realtors will need to be polled for their position (same as last year)?
 - b. IOF issues include health insurance for workers as well as number of employees
 - c. Transportation, branding issues, structure of Ponderosa Pine
 - d. Using a lot of last sessions recommendations
 - e. Biomass definition has given way to the definition of a qualifying biomass project
 - f. LOT SPLIT issue will need a lot of support.
 - g. Council will review draft within the next month
 - h. 50% Arizona derived wood is current agreement
- 6) Federal Forest Funding discussion
 - a. Representative O'Halleran
 - i. Federal funding for thinning and maintenance projects
 - ii. Todd's approach for funding will be seemingly simple with a list/spreadsheet of needs and then have them fund needs
 - iii. Quality/quantity measures may complicate issues however is critical for ensuring the money goes to the right places.
 1. Kathy will organize a meeting with folks
 - a. March is when this issue needs to come together
- 7) Discussion of other recommendations
 - a. ADEQ – air quality and relationship with BIO MASS production
 - b. List of communities at risk and survey them on what they are doing
 - c. Examine recommendations and determine what homework needs to be accomplished
- 8) Future meeting dates and locations
 - a. Fall / Winter 2004 schedule
 - i. November 4th - Phoenix?
 - ii. December 9th -
 - iii. January 13th -
 - iv. February 10th -
- 9) Call to the Public
- 10) Adjournment

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CO-CHAIRS

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Diane Vosick – Ecological Restoration Institute, NAU
Rep. Tom O'Halleran – Arizona House of Representatives

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